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In re Application of:
M. Blaum et al.
Serial No.: 10/037,753
Filed: January 2, 2002
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ENCODING DATA TO GUARANTEE
ISOLATED TRANSITIONS IN A
MAGNETIC RECORDING SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final office action dated March 30, 2005 ("Final Office Action") in which the Examiner allowed claims 2, 23, 26, 36, 57, and 59, objected to claims 9-22, 31-33, and 43-56 and rejected claims 1, 3-8, 24, 25, 27-30, 34, 35, 37-42, and 58. On June 2nd, the attorney for applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing the claims, which is described in the Interview Summary submitted by the Examiner on June 7th. During the Interview, the Examiner indicated that she would allow an amendment to the independent claims 1, 25, and 35 that she thought would likely distinguish over the cited art and place the case in condition for allowance. Applicants submit herein the discussed amendment and traverse the prior art rejection with respect to the amended claims. Applicants submit that all pending claims are patentable over the cited art for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.